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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A cosmetic containing a powder comprising a base material, and a metal film and a metal oxide film formed in this order on said base material, wherein said powder has said metal oxide film attached thereon in an amount in a range of 0.1 to 30 wt% in terms of weight before formation of said metal oxide film.
2. (Original) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 1, wherein said metal film of said powder has as a principal component thereof at least one metal selected from the group consisting of silver, gold, platinum, palladium, nickel, copper, chromium, molybdenum, tin, magnesium, aluminum, and hastelloy.
3. (Currently amended) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein said base material of said powder comprises glass flakes having a mean thickness in a range of 0.5 to 8.0 μm and a mean particle diameter in a range of 5 to 1,000 μm .
4. (Currently amended) A cosmetic as claimed in any one of claims 1 through 3, wherein said metal oxide film of said powder has as a principal component thereof at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, zirconia, zinc oxide, and cerium oxide.
5. Canceled.
6. (New) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 2, wherein said base material of said powder comprises glass flakes having a mean thickness in a range of 0.5 to 8.0 μm and a mean particle diameter in a range of 5 to 1,000 μm .
7. (New) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 3, wherein said metal oxide film of said powder has as a principal component thereof at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, zirconia, zinc oxide, and cerium oxide.
8. (New) A cosmetic as claimed in claim 6, wherein said metal oxide film of said powder has as a principal component thereof at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, zirconia, zinc oxide, and cerium oxide.